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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC Changes within the Bauunion BrandenburgEVALUATION see belowPLACE OBTAINED

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1. The re-organization of all Bauunions in East Germany which was scheduled for early January 1954 was postponed until 15 March 1954 for unknown reasons. Within the Bauunion Brandenburg, however, a re-organization occurred in the course of which the previous production departments were dissolved and replaced by main construction headquarters I to VI, each of which consisted of the main construction supervisor, his deputy, and a team charged with the preparation of construction work. With regard to financial matters, the main construction headquarters were subordinate to a business manager of the Bauunion headquarters. Herr Kloeckner (fnu), still was assigned as temporary technical director of the Bauunion Brandenburg.

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2. At the beginning of January 1954, a bulletin was distributed at the construction sites of the Brandenburg Bauunion indicating the fact that the previous production departments were dissolved and replaced by six main construction headquarters.
3. In early January, source learned at a construction site of the Brandenburg Bauunion that this Bauunion was to be specialized in the construction of airfields, bridges and underground structures requiring large-scale excavation work. Allegedly, the Bauunion Brandenburg was to be charged with the construction of two new airfields in 1954; the Lagdeburg area was mentioned. Source believed that the airfields concerned were to be provided with runways 2.5 km long. The construction staff at Schorfheide airfield had already received order to make available machines for work at the new airfields.¹
4. At the beginning of January, the director of the Bauunion Brandenburg was not yet appointed. The former director Herr Tille (fnu) had meanwhile become the first chairman of the central executive board of the lumber workers of the FDGB (Free German Trade Union). Technical director of the Bauunion was Wilhelm Kloeckner, Dip. Ing.
5. In early January, the staff of the Bauunion Brandenburg learned that Manani (fnu), previously assigned as construction supervisor to Hohenneuendorf and who was the best specialist of the Brandenburg Bauunion, was appointed chief construction supervisor at Schorfheide airfield effective 25 January 1954. Koetz (fnu), the

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previous chief construction superintendent in Schorfheide, was to be assigned an unknown mission.²

6. In January, the production departments of the Bauunion Brandenburg, including those departments for sub-surface construction, aboveground construction and industrial construction projects, were dissolved and replaced by six main construction headquarters. The re-organization was carried out on a regional basis.

- 25X1 7. In December, 1953, source learned [redacted] of the Soviet construction headquarters in Weider that, in 1954, the Bauunion Brandenburg was to be charged with two airfield construction projects, including one in the Weimar area and the other one in the Magdeburg area. The two airfields allegedly were to be provided with concrete runways 15cm thick. A sum of 7 million eastmarks was allegedly allocated for the project in the Weimar area and a sum of 3 or 4 million eastmarks for the project in the Magdeburg area. Source believed that these sums represent only the costs for the installation of the construction sites.
8. The Bauunion Brandenburg was allegedly also charged with the construction of an electrified railroad line for transportation of coal between Deuben and Profen in 1954.³

- 25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. This is the first information on the intended construction of new airfields in the Magdeburg and Weimar areas. If these plans are actually carried out, two new airfields, besides Erfurt/Bindersleben airfield, will be established in the area west of the Elbe/Saale line.

- 25X1A 2. [redacted] Comment. The change of the construction supervisor at Schorfheide was previously reported.

- 25X1A 3. [redacted] Comment. An intended construction project near Zeitz was previously reported. [redacted] The present report indicates that an airfield will not be constructed there.
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